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## ONE KILLED; THREE WOUNDED!

Election Day Fight, Ten Miles Below Hickman, Resulted in the Death of Bert Wallace and Walter Allison May Die. Two Others Only Slightly Injured.

WALLACE WAS NOTED CHARACTER.

DETAILS OF TRAGEDY NOT KNOWN.

Bert Wallace killed. Walter Allison probably mortally wounded. Oscar Allison shot in the arm. Richmond Cleaves several teeth knocked out.

This is the toll of a free-for-all fight which occurred about 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Allison store, 10 miles below Hickman on Sassafras Ridge.

There are various rumors as regards the tragedy, but the truth will probably not be known until it is brought out in court. Piecing together the various reports, it seems the trouble was precipitated by a difficulty between leaves and W. T. Johnson, when the latter hit the former in the mouth with a soda water bottle, knocking out several of the teeth. Bert Wallace is said to have intervened and Chester Stowe grabbed him and pushed him out of the store door. Stowe ran back into the house and Wallace whipped out his gun and began shooting into the house.

Several shots passed both ways—probably 25 or 30 in all. Oscar Allison is said to have gone to the door to close it when he received a bullet in his arm. When Wallace emptied his gun, Walter Allison armed with a bed slat, ran out and chased Wallace some distance from the store and turned to come back. In the meantime Wallace is said to have reloaded and began shooting at Walter, one bullet striking him in the back, just below the left shoulder blade, barely missing the heart and lodged just under the skin of the left breast. This bullet perforated the lung and, according to the attending physician, Dr. W. W. Curran, is likely to prove fatal.

A pump gun was secured and aimed with deadly effect on Wallace by one or both of the Allison brothers. Just here the reports are conflicting. Some are of the opinion Walter Allison is the man who killed Wallace, while others believe he could not have

continued in the fight after receiving his wound. At any rate, the wounds in Wallace's body indicated he received two loads from a shot gun, one in the hip and another in the mouth and 3 or 4 pistol balls. Who fired them is a question. But, this is all hearsay and we do not attempt to vouch for the truth of any of it.

Wallace died almost immediately, and his body was brought to his home at Hickman and prepared for burial. The body was interred Sunday at Sassafras Ridge. Wallace was probably 30 years old and has a wife and three small children. He operated a small lunch and soft drink stand just west of town. He was born in Tennessee, but was practically reared in the lower bottom. It seems that Bert has had a pretty extensive criminal career, which dates back to the killing of Oscar Diggs, at a dance in the lower bottom some five years ago, but which proved to be accidental. He paid many fines to the city and has been in court several times for various offenses. Only two days before his death, City Judge W. B. Amberg talked to Wallace and begged him to turn over a new leaf and try to stay out of trouble. Wallace told the judge he would, that he did not want to kill any one or be killed—that he wasn't prepared to die, etc. Something like a month ago a raid was made on Wallace's place by city officers, and while about



W. L. Hampton

who will succeed J. W. Morris as clerk of Fulton Circuit Court.

three dozen shots were exchanged, no one was seriously hurt. It was Snow Chambers and in this raid, who had his necktie clipped off by a bullet, and Policeman Wall received a slight flesh wound in the arm.

At the request of county authorities, Wallace kept his place of business closed Saturday afternoon. Being idle, he and two other friends decided to go to the Ridge to spend the afternoon. Mr. Wallace is survived by two brothers, Frank and Jim, and

## Official Returns in Fulton County Primary:

	F. Fulton	W. Fulton	Lodges	Ogden	State Line	E. Hickman	C. Hickman	W. Hickman	Sassafras Ridge	Marble Bend	Total
<b>Governor</b>											
Bosworth	4	8	0	20	3	5	5	0	0	0	50
McChesney	2	30	98	30	27	3	3	0	0	0	200
McDermott	4	11	1	1	1	11	11	0	0	0	48
Stanley	100	200	50	120	38	117	159	110	40	0	994
<b>Lieut. Governor</b>											
Black	75	100	72	60	17	51	45	79	17	0	602
Byrd	10	16	8	25	7	30	18	8	4	0	114
Edwards	80	115	17	69	19	40	59	22	11	0	431
Colman	15	18	6	11	8	10	10	11	0	0	96
<b>Secretary of State</b>											
Arnold	28	31	8	15	10	24	32	10	5	0	178
Hammett	62	87	48	71	35	48	58	30	17	0	433
Likens	22	31	10	14	9	17	9	0	0	0	120
Milliken	15	35	6	10	3	8	3	0	0	0	81
McQuay	14	24	17	36	7	20	12	21	0	0	190
Walton	21	29	9	17	4	9	17	18	0	0	119
<b>Auditor</b>											
Chapman	38	38	11	14	4	4	4	7	0	0	80
Greene	81	137	28	58	5	17	59	11	3	1	304
Ries	67	138	91	107	48	126	139	94	49	0	807
<b>Treasurer</b>											
Woodmaster	75	122	18	20	5	0	44	6	7	1	312
Hager	15	64	20	24	16	31	41	11	3	1	240
Terevill	45	71	62	24	29	35	68	39	16	0	434
<b>Clerk of Court Appeals</b>											
Keown	16	56	36	37	18	54	55	31	14	0	351
Lawrence	24	30	35	45	19	30	27	30	2	2	267
Steger	19	122	71	58	5	11	18	15	17	0	367
<b>Supt. Schools</b>											
Eubanks	148	198	48	71	79	110	98	35	14	1	620
Gilbert	43	68	69	161	20	38	71	26	16	7	507
Hawkins	8	27	6	12	4	10	13	18	10	1	109
<b>Comp. Agri.</b>											
Toblen	61	117	35	90	34	37	70	33	11	4	500
Thornburg	18	78	27	36	17	30	31	29	17	1	344
Thornburg	18	31	7	11	4	8	14	12	10	0	122
<b>Senator</b>											
Brooks	108	105	30	85	01	116	159	45	46	0	775
Brooks	88	112	43	122	18	42	60	46	18	0	552
<b>Representative</b>											
Williams	85	118	28	94	3	6	18	30	4	1	347
McMurry	104	150	98	201	38	104	175	107	37	7	1,029
Hillman	25	30	10	18	2	10	12	31	13	0	185
<b>Judge Court Appeals</b>											
Thomas	196	248	106	180	48	121	133	64	31	0	1,188
Gordon	28	42	18	24	7	19	22	10	3	0	170
Nunn	12	29	28	26	11	36	36	47	16	0	201
<b>Circuit Judge</b>											
Heater	56	56	58	90	80	90	90	20	14	0	487
Gardner	87	160	80	77	14	161	125	99	90	0	726
Flatt	37	110	80	419	21	70	100	80	34	0	720
<b>Commonwealth Atty.</b>											
Turner	89	59	27	90	15	58	25	34	8	1	329
Robins	74	130	5	24	5	47	87	19	18	0	425
Wickliffe	3	10	1	4	0	1	4	0	4	0	36
Moorman	51	50	17	30	16	16	30	41	15	0	229
Adams	95	80	114	94	22	70	82	72	20	4	559
<b>Circuit Clerk</b>											
Morris	65	72	45	121	39	106	107	75	27	8	712
Hampton	175	254	120	141	31	79	89	43	64	1	1,040

a sister, Mrs. Pearl Ogden, of near Tyler.

When news of the trouble reached Hickman, Deputy Sheriff Naylor went to the scene. Walter Allison could not be moved on account of his wound, but Oscar Allison gave himself up and came to town with the deputy and was lodged in jail. The Allison men are around 40 years old, and both unmarried. In a difficulty at an ice cream supper in the bottom on Friday night, Oscar is said to have shot and dangerously wounded a woman—Mrs. Rose Burger, wife of Geo. Burger. The shot hit her in the hand and stomach, but is said to have been accidental, as he was attempting to shoot at some man when the lady threw herself between the combatants in the hope of stopping the trouble. Too bad that men must indulge in such affairs.

## McMURRY WINS BY 471 FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

Walter J. McMurry of this city, wins for representative from Fulton and Hickman counties by 471 votes. He ran 3rd in Hickman county, but what Fulton county did for him was a plenty.

Fulton county	
Williams	347
McMurry	1,029
Hillman	185
Hickman county	
Williams	679
McMurry	471
Hillman	610

Fulton county elected McMurry and Hickman county a vote was majority. Williams got in the two counties just what McMurry received in Fulton county. Congratulations, old man.

## BABY GIRL DIES.

The little four year old daughter of Sam Watson and wife, residents of the lower bottom, near Lafford, died Sunday afternoon, of malarial fever. The little form was laid to rest at Brownsville.

FOR SALE—One good bicycle, lights, pumps and all attachments, \$10.—Roy P. Shelton, R. F. D. No 1.

## WOULD BUILD LEVEE IN UPPER BOTTOM.

W. E. Bowen and a number of upper bottom land owners are behind a movement to try to get a levee to keep the waters of the Mississippi off the land lying between Chalk Bluff, Hickman and Moscow.

It would be necessary to build about twelve miles of earthwork to a height of twelve feet and solve the problem of handling Bayou de Chem creek, which the line must cross.

The upper bottom people are seriously in earnest in this matter. This year a number of them have planted their crops three times and lost them at last.

A meeting has been called for Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, at Whayne's corner, six miles above town, for the purpose of discussing ways and means of securing a levee. Judge Stahr, Hon. W. J. McMurry, Gov. Engineer Hanton and others have been asked to be present.

The facts are as regards this section, since the building of the Reelfoot and Missouri levees, water is coming fully five feet higher on the upper bottom, and land owners believe the government owes it to them to give some measure of relief. It is now next to impossible to make a crop on the lowest lands on account of so many overflows. It is to be hoped these people will find a way to get a levee. It means everything to them and the town of Hickman would be greatly benefited indirectly.

## 1915 CITY TAXES \$8904.36. VALUATION OVER \$1,000,000.

The valuation of property in the city of Hickman, according to the assessments, amounts to a total of \$1,044,248.

There are 745 poll taxes to be collected this year at \$1.50 each. The total tax to be collected for the year is \$8,904.36.

Killings and bloodshed galore in Fulton county Saturday—most of which can be traced to liquor—and, still, Fulton county was carried by a liquor candidate. We seem to favor adjudication in the courts rather than prevention at the polls.

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Curtain Goods, Rugs, Mattings, Millinery

Men's, Women's and Children's Oxfords

Men's Suits and Pants

Boys' Suits and Pants

Men's and Boys Hats, Caps

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